Admiral Herbert's LETTER

TO ALL

Commanders of Ships and Sea-men In His Majesties FLEET.

GENTLEMEN,

I Have little to add to what his Highness has expres'd in general terms, besides laying before you the dangerous way you are at the present in, where Ruine or Infamy must inevitably attend you if you don't joyn with the PRINCE in the Common Cause, for the Defence of your Religion and Liberties; for should it please God, for the Sins of the *English* Nation, to suffer your Arms to prevail, to what can your Victory serve you, but to enslave you deeper, and overthrow the True Religion, in which you have liv'd, and your Fathers dy'd? Of which, I beg you, as a Friend, to consider the Consequences, and reflect on the Blot and Infamy it will bring on you, not only now, but in all After-ages, That by your means the Protestant Religion was destroy'd, and your Country depriv'd of its Ancient Liberties: and if it pleases God to bless the PRINCE's Endeavours with Success, as I don't doubt but he will, consider then what their Condition must be that oppose him in this so good a Design, where the greatest Favour they can hope for, is their being suffer'd to end their days in Misery and Want, detested and despised by all good men.

It is therefore, and for many more reasons too long to insert here, that I as a true Englishman and your Friend, exhort you to joyn your Arms to the PRINCE for the Defence of the Common Cause, the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of your Countrey; it is what I am well assured the major and best part of the Army, as well as the Nation, will do so soon as convenience is offered. Prevent them in so good an Action, whilst it is in your power; and make it appear, That as the Kingdom hath always depended on the Navy for its defence, so you will yet go further by making it as much as in you lies, the Protection of her Religion and Liberties; and then you may assure your selves of all Marks of Favour and Honour suitable to the Merits of so good and glorious an Action. After this I ought not to add so inconsiderable a thing, as that it will for ever engage me to be in a most particular manner,

Your faithful Friend

and humble Servant

AR. HERBERT.

Aboard the Leyden
in the Goree.